

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the instant application is respectfully requested. The present amendment is responsive to the Office Action of August 26, 2005, in which claims 1-18 are presently pending. Of those, claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 12, 13, 16 and 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(c) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication 2005/0088210 by Chen. However, claims 3, 4, 7-11, 14, 15 and 18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. For the following reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

The present amendment cancels, without prejudice, claims 1, 6 and 12. However, the Applicants reserve the right to further prosecute the subject matter of the same in a continuation application. Claims 3, 7 and 14 have been rewritten in independent form, thereby placing the same (and each claim dependent therefrom) in condition for allowance. Finally, claims 2, 5, 13, 16 and 17 have been amended to change their dependencies to respective allowable claims. Therefore, each of the present §102(c) rejections over Chen has been rendered moot.

For the reasons outline above, the Applicants respectfully submit that the present amendment places the application in condition for allowance. No new matter has been entered and no additional fees are believed to be required. However, if any fees are due with respect to this Amendment, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicants' attorneys.

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